

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

VISITATION PARISH

MARCH 5, 2023



THE SEASON OF LENT

- ‡ **Pray** ~ Our St. Joseph and Blessed Sacrament chapels, and our church nave are open during the day for personal prayer. On Mondays, they remain open until 6:30 pm for parish children and their families. After the weekday 8:15 am Mass, the Rosary is prayed in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. On Wednesday, there is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the St. Joseph Chapel from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Catholics are encouraged to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for Easter. Our Parish Communal Penance Service is Wednesday, March 22 at 6:00 pm.
- ‡ **Fast and abstain** ~ Persons between the ages of 18 and 59 are asked to keep a simple fast (one full meal plus two smaller meals that together do not equal one full meal and no snacking) on Good Friday. Persons over the age of 14 are asked to abstain from eating meat on all Fridays of Lent.
- ‡ **Give Alms** ~ Opportunities for generosity include: Rice Bowl (benefits Catholic Relief Services) throughout the season; Catholic Relief Services Collection (overseas emergency aid) on the March 18-19 weekend; and the Good Friday Collection on April 7 (benefits Christians in the Holy Land).

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY



SCHOOL OF RELIGION

LENT OPPORTUNITY FOR THE WHOLE HOUSEHOLD! Monthly Communion Service & Children's Stations of the Cross. We meet tomorrow, **Monday, March 6 at 5:15 pm in the St. Joseph Chapel.**

NO S.O.R. CLASS during Spring Break, March 13 and March 20. Classes resume on March 27 from 5:15 - 6:15 pm in St. Joseph Chapel.

SAVE THE DATE: APRIL 13 "CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION ABOUT RACISM AND OUR FAITH" at St. Monica Church with Bishop Johnston.

SAVE THE DATE: APRIL 19 SUPPER SERIES continues with Lesson 3 from Bishop Barron's docuseries "The Creed."

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

Please join us for our Lenten Penance Service on Wednesday, March 22 at 6:00 pm.



PRAYING FOR OTHERS HELPS US STAY CONNECTED TO GOD AND TO ONE ANOTHER.

REMEMBER OUR SICK

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| Pamela Atherton | Scott Martens |
| Maggie Quirarte Bates | Priscilla McInnes |
| Marilyn Frechin Blank | Tim McNamara |
| Leonardo Borders | Thomas McNamara |
| Chase Brundridge | Tricia Melland |
| Mike Caraway | Birdie Mendence |
| Shari Caraway | Andy Metzler |
| Marianne Carl | Lionel Morgan |
| Beverly Cascone | Dede Murphy |
| Mary Beth Cicchetti | Jennifer Olson |
| Olivia Connealy | Charles Oppenlander |
| Jean Cummings | Nicholas Parscale |
| Allie May Dudenhoefter | Nicola Pistone |
| Bill Fuss | Kat Potter |
| Shana Gadt | Peggy Pruitt |
| Brooke Kuechler Harris | Ruth Quirarte |
| Mike Henninger | Quinn Regan |
| Joe Irwin | Ellie Rose |
| William Jewell | The Ryan Family |
| Erin Kallman | The Saalberg Family |
| Jaquie Kallman | Fran Schuetz |
| Shirley Kempker | Barbara Schulte |
| Marriane Kersten | Aimee Sesler |
| Kevin Koch | Sandra Sharp |
| John Langle | Bill Stone |
| Bryan Larson | Special Intention |
| Betsy Lazere | Jeannie Sullivan |
| Jeanne Lendabarker | Salvador Valldeperas, Sr. |
| Anthony Lipari, Sr. | Annabelle Whalen |
| Mary Lipari | Dave Wittrock |
| Jorge Maldonado | Leigh Ann Zeller |

Reminder:

Thank you for sharing your name with us. We are always ready to pray for you and your loved one. Please contact us and let us know when you or your loved one is doing better and ready to be taken off the prayer list. God Bless.

The parish community continues to pray for parish members and their families who are serving in the armed services: Major Philip Martin, Ft. Leavenworth, KS; Maj. Chris Oppenlander, Hill Airforce Base; Maj. Gisselle Oppenlander, Hill Airforce Base; Staff Sgt. Louis Perez, San Diego, CA.

FUNERAL MEAL TEAMS

On Deck: Team # 9
On Alert: Team # 1

MASS INTENTIONS FOR MARCH 7-12

Tuesday, March 7

6:45 am Martha Beckers †

8:15 am Ed FitzGerald †

Wednesday, March 8

6:45 am James & Mary Ann Ritzka †

8:15 am Dick & Beattie Muraski †

Thursday, March 9

6:45 am Thomas McGee Sr. †

Friday, March 10

8:15 am Marialice Searcy †

Saturday, March 11

8:15am Edward Koza †

4:00 pm For the People of Visitation

Sunday, March 12

8:00 am Bill Hodes †

10:30 am Jackson Rouse†

LITURGICAL MINISTERS MARCH 11-12

| | 4:00 PM | 8:00 AM | 10:30 AM |
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| ALTAR SERVERS | C. Tietjen C. Larson B. Murray | L. Maginn A. Graziano J. Bock | J. Sallee H. Hagenhoff T. Hagenhoff |
| E MS | NOT FILLED R. Larson S. Major B. Phillips Kevin Connor | M. Lising E. McCann M. McCann A. Peratt R. Paczkowski | K. Van Asdale N. Spachman J. Olivas L. McLiney J. Greene |
| LECTOR | P. Major | J. McCann | D. Closson |
| USHERS | J. Batz T. Batz NOT FILLED | F. Erlacker J. Erlacker NOT FILLED | B. Bownik R. Reinhart NOT FILLED |
| SACRISTAN | R. Steinert | B. Truta | J. Reboulet |

PARISH BOUNDARIES

State Line on the West to Oak St. on the East;
47th Street on the North to Meyer Blvd on the
South

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BULLETIN DEADLINE Noon Monday

SACRAMENTS

Anointing of the Sick by appointment
Msgr. Offutt and Chris Sanders

Eucharist to Homebound and Hospital, Chris
Sanders

Sacrament of Matrimony, Contact Chris Sanders to
begin marriage preparation.

Sacrament of Confirmation, Youth Chris Sanders

Sacrament of Infant Baptism, Adult Confirmation
and Sacraments of Initiation, *For those who wish to
become Catholic.* Teresa Albright

PARISH COUNCIL 2022-23

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St. Vincent De Paul Help Line

816-753-9061

Diocese of Kansas City St. Joseph

Ombudsman, Joe Crayon 816-812-2500

Victim Assistance Coordinator,

Whitney True-Francis 816-392-0011

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH



All are warmly welcomed to the Visitation **Christ Renews His Parish Retreat 2023!** This retreat is focused on personal and community faith renewal and refreshment. Together we will learn, pray, share and reflect on God's calling, and revitalize our faithfulness.

Scan the QR code to register.
Please join us on March 25 & 26!



Quotes:

Janet Ridder, CRHP participant

“Every time I was invited to attend Christ Renews His Parish Weekend - the timing was wrong. A couple of years ago, I was asked and finally was able to attend. I will always remember the weekend, reconnection to my spirituality and the friendships that were made.”

Karen Miller, CRHP participant

“Admittedly I was hesitant to make the commitment, but after the first hour or so of the retreat, I knew I was there for a reason.”

SOCIAL CONCERNS

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT 2023-2024



Enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year opened last week. Tithing families must have a 2023 pledge on file in order to receive the enrollment link. Current families should have received an enrollment link if you have not, please contact Megan Burdolski. If you have questions about enrollment, please contact Megan at 816-753-5155 x1305 or megan@church.visitation.org.



The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse: 1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-392-3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and 2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and 3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816-812-2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph. The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Whitney True-Francis, Victim Assistance Coordinator, at 816-392-0011 or true.francis@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME

Does the idea of a Green Team at Visitation spark an interest for you? Would you like to connect with others to learn more about ecological justice and protecting our environment for future generations? Do you recycle? Do you compost? Do you want to learn and share more ways to help create a sustainable and hope-filled future? If so, please reach out to Larry Guillot, Visitation Social Concerns Committee at guillotlawrence@gmail.com or Karen Miller at karen@church.visitaiton.org.



CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICE RICE BOWL SOCCER AND A BROKEN RESERVOIR

In the Dry Corridor of Honduras, climate change causes persistent drought, making farming nearly impossible. With support from Catholic Relief Services, Rony, a farmer, repaired an old reservoir and installed a new irrigation system to improve his harvests. Now Rony can send his son to a soccer academy to pursue his dream of becoming a professional player. How can you work like Rony to support others' needs and dreams? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

GOLDEN SHAMROCKS

potLuck of the Irish

ST. PATRICK'S DAY LUNCHEON
FRIDAY, MARCH 17 - 12:00 NOON -
TIGHE HALL



Bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share . . . meat (the Bishop is allowing meat this day), bread & beverages provided by the parish. After lunch, we will fill Easter eggs for charity. In lieu of our usual free will offering, bring a bag of small wrapped candy that will fit inside Easter eggs. For planning purposes, please RSVP to 816-753-7422.

RACIAL JUSTICE



Throughout the year, the parish Racial Justice committee meets on the third Wednesday of the month - either in person or via zoom. Periodically, we provide a summary of a recent meeting's minutes to keep the parish up to date and to invite participation of all interested parishioners. Seventeen members of VIS RJC met via Zoom on February 15 at 6:00 pm. The agenda included:

- Evaluation of the January 16 MLK prayer service (in summary - huge success, great school-parish collaboration, do it again with some modifications)
- Sharing information on Black History Month celebrations throughout the city and decision to promote such initiatives in the bulletin (**One last chance to see *One Day A Year* at the Coterie March 4 or 5**) [Buy Tickets \(OvationTix.com\)](http://OvationTix.com).
- JustFaith eight week sessions to continue to be offered at least twice a year—Linda Hughes, Karen Miller and Peg Ekerdt will set schedule for fall/spring offerings.
- Cristo Rey interns—for the second year, four CR students continue to serve in the parish school. This is an RJC initiative and requires a \$29,000 yearly commitment. We successfully raised the necessary funds for the past two years. With \$10,925 on reserve, we have work to do to maintain this program for 2023-24. Want to know more or contribute? Contact Megan at the parish office megan@church.visitation.org
- As VIS RJC continues to grow and evolve, we see our work falling into three categories:
1) Celebrations (i.e., MLK prayer service), 2) Service Projects (anticipated 2023-24 for Vis School with Our Lady of Hope and St. Regis schools) and 3) Formation (Just Faith sessions, BHM book cart, etc.) Communication work is continuous.
- POST MEETING - Mary Ann Heckman invited RJC committee members to participate in a Lenten prayer initiative for victims of homicide in our community, providing a candle and a prayer card and the name of the person who has died. Several RJC members volunteered to do this.
- Agenda for Wednesday, March 15 meeting includes Cristo Rey funding and evaluating St. Monica-Visitation Continuing Conversations.
- Interested in joining VIS RJC? Contact co-chairs Linda Hughes (Lchteach20@gmail.com) or Peg Ekerdt (peggyekerdtd@gmail.com)

FINANCIAL

January Contribution Income surpassed the budget by \$1,961, or 0.21%.

This included \$529,409.35 in 2023 advance pledge payments received during the calendar year of 2022, in addition to \$405,367.09 in regular January collections, this surplus aligns with the financial patterns seen in previous years. This month's excess in contributions has reduced the year-to-date shortfall in contribution income to \$60,748 or 2.1% of budget.

Other Income, which includes ministries, program fees, miscellaneous one-time donations, school tuition, registration fees and before/after care fees exceeded budget by \$8,359 in January. Bringing our Total Operating monthly income to a surplus positive variance of \$13,561 in the month.

Parish expenses in January were under budget by 0.8% or \$3,242, creating a Parish Net Income surplus of \$13,561 for the month.

Year-to-Date Contribution and Other Income shows a deficit of only \$23,590.

Operating Expenses remain under budget by \$26,043 creating for the first time this year a surplus in our year-to-date Parish Net Income of 0.3% or \$2,453.

Compared to the prior fiscal year-to-date Parish Net Income for 2022/2023 is behind last year's results by \$38,865.

| | Month of January 2022 | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|------------|------------|
| | Actual | Budget | Difference |
| Contribution Income | \$ 934,776 | \$ 932,816 | \$ 1,961 |
| Other Income | \$ 24,087 | \$ 15,728 | \$ 8,359 |
| Total Operating Income | \$ 958,864 | \$ 948,544 | \$ 10,320 |
| Operating Expense | \$ 424,066 | \$ 427,307 | \$ 3,242 |
| Net | \$ 534,798 | \$ 521,237 | \$ 13,561 |

| | Fiscal YTD (July-January) | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| | Actual | Budget | Difference |
| Contribution Income | \$ 2,824,029 | \$ 2,884,776 | \$ (60,748) |
| Other Income | \$ 984,789 | \$ 947,632 | \$ 37,158 |
| Total Operating Income | \$ 3,808,818 | \$ 3,832,408 | \$ (23,590) |
| Operating Expense | \$ 3,063,496 | \$ 3,089,540 | \$ 26,043 |
| Net | \$ 745,322 | \$ 742,869 | \$ 2,453 |

| | Fiscal YTD This | Fiscal YTD Last | Difference |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| | Year | Year | |
| Contribution Income | \$ 2,824,029 | \$ 2,931,729 | \$ (107,700) |
| Other Income | \$ 984,789 | \$ 840,485 | \$ 144,304 |
| Total Operating Income | \$ 3,808,818 | \$ 3,772,214 | \$ 36,604 |
| Operating Expense | \$ 3,063,496 | \$ 2,988,027 | \$ (75,469) |
| Net | \$ 745,322 | \$ 784,187 | \$ (38,865) |

ABOUT TOWN

BETTER THAN OK - FINDING JOY AS A SPECIAL NEEDS PARENT WITH KELLY MANTOAN



Kelly Mantoan will discuss the stages of grief many special needs parents go through and how parents can look past the sorrow of their child's diagnosis to find the joy in everyday life. That joy can strengthen in caring and advocating for their child. While our lives as special needs parents may look different, even challenging, parents and children can live out God's plans for their lives. The event is sponsored by the Deaf and Disability Ministry of Catholic Charities of Kansas City - St. Joseph and the Special Needs Ministry - Archdiocese of Kansas City in KS. Join us on Tuesday, March 7 at 7:00 pm at Queen of the Holy Rosary located at 7023 W. 71st St., Overland Park, KS.

BLOOD DRIVE

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Help aplastic anemia patients like Kyle.

DONATIONS
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Thursday, March 9
12:00 - 5:00 pm Tighe Hall

Book your appointment today at savealifenow.org/group, enter Group Code: VH. For additional details contact Megan Burdolski at (816) 753-5155 ext. 305 or megan@church.visitation.org.

Medical eligibility questions? Call 1.800.688.0900



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SCHOOL

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for a
great cause!*



Upcoming

TUES, MARCH 7 • BÖRU, SUMMIT GRILL,
SOUTH OF SUMMIT + THIRD STREET SOCIAL

THUR, MARCH 9 • YOGURTINI, PLAZA

SAT, MARCH 25: DONUTOLOGY



Stay tuned!
NEW DATE TBA • CHICK-FIL-A DAY @ SCHOOL

MORE INFO > VISEATS.COM

FAITH FORMATION

NEW LENTEN SMALL GROUPS FOR 2023 ARE FORMING NOW!

The below small faith-sharing communities are opening their “doors” and welcoming new faces this Lent. Also below are ideas for starting your own group. Have questions? Contact Ashley Rodden, Faith Formation Team Member and Small Groups Chair, at ashley@lover-cosmetics.com

The Monastic Heart for Community Builders

Sundays, 5:00 p.m.

The Larson & Closson Homes

ALL ARE WELCOME in this group.

Parents can bring their school-age children.

Hosts: Kristie/Ryan Larson & Don/Jamie Closson

Resource: “The Monastic Heart” book

Contact: kbraylarson@gmail.com

Women of Faith

Tuesdays, 10:00 am

Retreat Room, Tighe Hall

This group is open to ALL WOMEN.

Come join us!

Host: Julie McCann

Resource: “At Home with the Word”

Contact: mccannx5@gmail.com

Thursday Evenings with Lorraine Gordon

Thursdays, 7:30 pm

Explore the way excerpts from “The Monastic Heart” can enrich Lenten Scripture.

Host: Lorraine Gordon

Resource: “The Monastic Heart” book

Contact: lorrainegordon116@gmail.com

Scripture & Politics

Tuesdays, 10:00 am

Online

This group welcomes anyone wishing to discuss the social implications of the Gospel. We take a liberal approach to how faith and politics are lived out today.

Host: Millie Krna

Resource: “At Home with the Word”

Contact: milliekrna@gmail.com

WANT TO RESURRECT
YOUR SMALL GROUP THAT
STOPPED MEETING?

THINKING ABOUT
STARTING YOUR OWN
SMALL LENT GROUP?

LET US HELP YOU!

www.visionmainkc.com

Lenten Articles of Faith

Tuesdays, 12:30 pm

Online

ALL ARE WELCOME in this group.

Join us over your lunch hour for

Scripture and Lenten discussions.

Host: JoAnn Axtell

Resource: Scripture, current periodicals and chapters from “The Monastic Heart.”

Contact: jpaxtell19@gmail.com

START A GROUP AND SPEND LENT
WITH 8-12 OF YOUR FAVORITE PEOPLE

Your CRHP Sisters/Brothers

The parents of your child’s classmates

Vis neighbors who live on your street

H.S. Seniors reunited with
their 8th grade classmates

FREE LENTEN RESOURCE

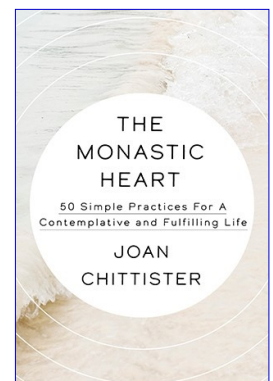
In addition to weekly Scripture reflections and discussion questions, the Vis Faith Formation Team has created a resource for registered groups using the 2023 parish book by Sr. Joan Chittister, with discussion questions prepared by Benetvision. Consider starting a group with one of these themes: →

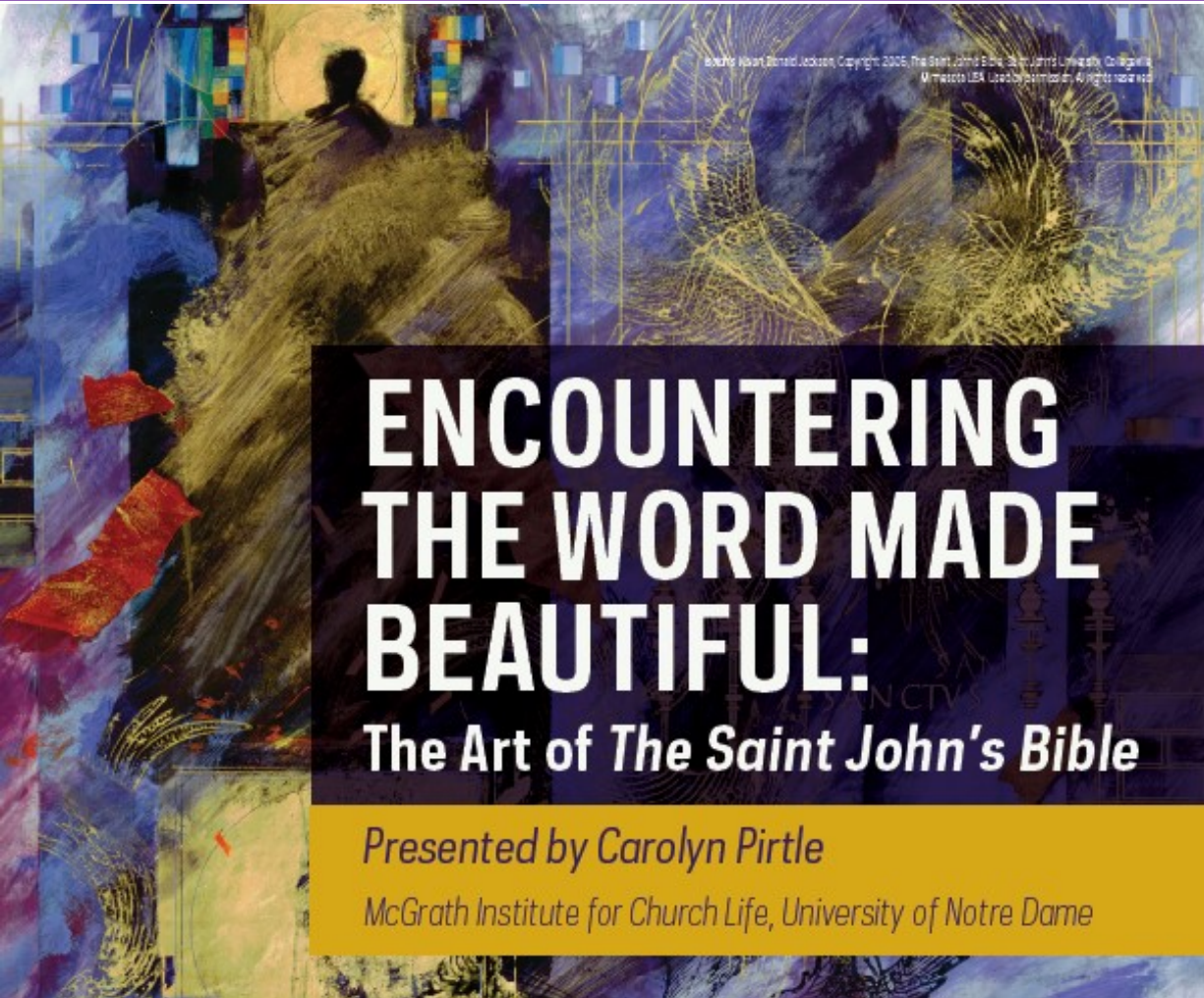
Choose from one of these chapter sets curated by the Faith Formation Team.

The Monastic Heart for...

- *The Domestic Church*
- *Community Builders*
- *Leaders*
- *Introverts*
- *Lovers of Liturgy*
- *Praying with Sacramentals*

ABOUT OUR 2023 PARISH BOOK: This book carries the weight and wisdom of the monastic spiritual tradition into the twenty-first century. Sister Joan Chittister, OSB leans into Saint Benedict, who, as a young man in the sixth century, sought moral integrity in the face of an empire not by conquering or overpowering the empire but by simply living an ordinary life extraordinarily well. This same monastic mindset can help us grow in wisdom, equanimity, and strength of soul as we seek restoration and renewal both at home and in the world. Without stepping foot in a monastery, we can become, like those before us, a deeper, freer self, a richer soul—and, as a result, a true monastic, so “that in all things God may be glorified.”





ENCOUNTERING THE WORD MADE BEAUTIFUL:

The Art of The Saint John's Bible

Presented by Carolyn Pirtle

McGrath Institute for Church Life, University of Notre Dame

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8
7:00PM**

VISITATION PARISH
Tighe Hall
5141 Main Street
Kansas City, MO 64112

Come and learn how the beauty of sacred art can enrich your understanding of Scripture and pave the way for a deeper encounter with God this Lent.



 **THE SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE**

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